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Mr. Thomas M. Dorman
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

RE: Case No. 2000-419: BellSouth - US LEC Arbitration

Dear Mr. Dorman:

This is to advise that US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") have reached agreement on the terms of an interconnection agreement to succeed their now expired agreement. The new interconnection agreement will be a "negotiated" agreement which will incorporate the terms of the existing interconnection agreement between BellSouth and Time-Warner. It is anticipated that the parties will file this agreement for Commission review in this docket in the very near future. Pending the filing of this negotiated agreement, the parties request suspension of the existing procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket. Suspension of the schedule will enable the parties to focus their efforts on completing the filing of the agreement and will avoid an unnecessary expenditure of time and resources by the Commission and the parties. Since the existing procedural schedule contains deadlines as soon as tomorrow, the parties request the Commission's expedited consideration of this request to suspend the schedule.

Should the Commission have any question this matter, please advise. The parties appreciate the Commission's assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

C. Kent Hatfield
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Tennessee, Inc.

cc: All counsel of record